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SYNOPSIS

Confidential Informant, R-1, provided information concerning local Project Resistance movements in the North Central Texas area, indicating that most of the activities concerning the peace movement, including the activities of the Students For A Democratic Society and the Dallas Committee For A Peaceful Solution To The War In Viet Nam, have established a center at 4915 Swiss Avenue in Dallas, which they call the Peace House. He additionally advised that it has become increasingly evident in recent weeks that the leaders of these groups are associating with narcotics addicts and pushers in the Dallas area and that the Dallas Police Department hope to collect sufficient evidence to establish a definite relationship between local peace movement leaders and the narcotics trade and ultimately discredit these leaders as the result of publication of such information through a cooperative effort with the local news media. R-1 additionally advised that a Black Power Conference is scheduled for Dallas, to take place sometime in the next two or three months. Additionally it appears that there are some noteworthy activities on the Bishop College campus and it appears the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee might be becoming more active in the Dallas area and the "peaceniks" are still holding their weekly vigils in Dealy Plaza. The January 17 to 31, 1968 edition of Notes To The Underground was obtained and attached to the report.

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GENERAL:

At Dallas, Texas:

On 26 January 1968, Confidential Informant, K-1, provided information concerning local Project Assistance movements in the North Central Texas area, which appeared to be quite significant. The Informant said that uppermost on this list is the fact that a "Peace House" has been established at 4915 Swiss Avenue in Dallas, Texas and this appears to be the center of most of the activities of The Students For A Democratic Society and the Dallas Committee For A Peaceful Solution To The War In Viet Nam. The Informant said that most of the peace movement groups appear to hang out at this location and this is apparently the coordinating center for most of their local efforts.

K-1 further indicated that a Black Power Conference has been scheduled for the Dallas area sometime in the next two or three months. He said that allegedly this conference was initially scheduled to be held at the aforementioned Peace House, however, there are indications that these plans may be changed and there has apparently been some sort of a delay in the scheduling of the conference, as it initially appeared the conference would be held sometime in February or March, and now the rumors are that it will not be held until April or May. K-1 said that it also appears that possibly the conference may not be held at the Peace House, as originally planned, but may be held somewhere outside of Dallas City proper. The Informant said there is not a great deal of concrete information available concerning this proposed conference and there is even a possibility that it eventually might be cancelled.

K-1 advised that there has been a significant development recently concerning the local peace movement in that in that it appears that there has been an increasing degree of association between peace movement leaders and local narcotics addicts and pushers. The Informant said that the local police department hopes to collect sufficient information to establish a definite relationship between leaders of the local peace movement and the narcotics trade and then discredit the movements by publishing the evidence through a cooperative effort with the local news media.

The Informant said that there has been some significant

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activity on the Bishop College campus in recent weeks. It appears that a local chapter of SNICK is in the process of being organized on this campus. The Informant additionally said that 38 students recently arrived on the campus from New York City and that it is rumored these students are from the Neighborhood Improvement Corps in that area and apparently have been sent to Bishop College for some sort of an organizational effort associated with the interests of this group. The Informant said that for some unexplained reason, the faculty apparently refused admittance to 12 of these students and they have since returned to the New York City area. The Informant said he feels this activity bears close scrutiny in the future.

It should be noted that the "peaceniks", who consist primarily of representatives of the Students For A Democratic Society and members of the Dallas Committee For A Peaceful Solution To The War In Viet Nam, are still holding their weekly vigils on Saturday mornings in Dealy Plaza, and these vigils are still picketed by the local chapter of the American Nazi Party. It appears that there are approximately 25 people taking an active part in the "peacenik" vigils each Saturday morning.

U-1 said that there is evidence that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee is becoming more active in the Dallas area and he said that nine members of this group, which probably represent the majority of activists associated with this group in the local area, were invited to the Casa View Methodist Church recently and each of the nine members spoke for five minutes to a rather large assembled audience. The Informant said there was a significant development at this meeting in that five of the members of the group, who appeared, were Negroes and four were Latin Americans. The Informant said this is the first time in the Dallas area that association between these two groups has been noted. The Informant said the group was led by Marion Ernest McMillan, II, who was the leader of the local chapter of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. The Informant said that this meeting at the Casa View Methodist Church apparently took place on about 12 January and he explained this church is apparently a progressive type church, with an inter-racial committee. He said apparently the group was invited by the committee and offered an opportunity to express their views to the assembled parishioners. The Informant had no information as to how the program was received.

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The Informant advised that the new organization on the Texas Christian University campus, Students For Peace, has been extremely quiet since its organization and there appears to be few significant new developments in the Fort Worth area concerning Project Resistance.

On 23 January 1968, the most recent copy of Notes From The Underground, the January 17 to 31, 1968 edition, was obtained on a local news stand and accompanies the report as Attachment #1.

Attachment #1: January 17 to 31, 1968 edition of Notes From the Underground.

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